

**City of Warwick**  
**Notice of Proposed Tax Rate Change**

The City of Warwick proposes to increase its property tax levy to \$224,264,845 in the 2021-2022 budget year; the property tax levy this year is \$223,745,654. The FY 2021 and FY 2022 tax levies have excluded motor vehicle excise tax for the purpose of determining tax levy growth pursuant to current law. This is a proposed levy increase of 0.23%.

It is anticipated that there will be an overall increase in property values and when coupled with the increase in the proposed tax levy will result in a property tax rate of **\$18.73** for residential real estate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, as compared to the current property tax rate of \$18.73 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, and **\$28.10** per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for commercial and industrial, as compared to the current property tax rate of \$28.10 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Tangible personal property will result in a property tax rate of **\$37.46** per \$1,000 of assessed valuation as compared to the current rate of \$37.46. These rates are unchanged from the current year.

The preliminary FY 2021-2022 motor vehicle levy includes taxes on motor vehicles at a rate of **\$30.00** per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, which includes the increase in the exemption amount provided by the motor vehicle excise tax phase-out in current state law from \$4,000 up to \$5,000, and a reduction in the tax rate on motor vehicles to \$30.00 per thousand of assessed value from \$34.60 in accordance with state law.

A property tax rate of \$19.44 for residential real estate, \$29.16 for commercial and industrial real estate, and \$38.88 for tangible personal property would be needed in the coming budget year to raise the maximum levy authorized by section 44-5-2 of the general laws.

**The City of Warwick's budget will be considered at a special public meeting to be held virtually via Zoom application the meeting will begin at 4:00 P.M. on Monday, May 24, 2021 and at 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 25, 2020 as well as May 26, if necessary. The School Department's budget will be presented at the May 24, 2020 meeting beginning at 4:00 pm.**

**Public Comment will be accepted.** You may access or participate in the meeting using the Zoom Application on a smart device or on a PC via the Web at [zoom.us](https://zoom.us) and clicking on JOIN A MEETING in the upper right of the page.

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The above property tax estimates have been computed in a manner approved by the Rhode Island Department of Revenue.

**Frank J. Picozzi, Mayor**

**City of Warwick**  
**Report to Taxpayers on Current**  
**and Proposed Annual Budget**

Function or Purpose of Expenditure	Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Current Budget	Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Projected Budget	Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Proposed Budget	% Change
<b>Expenses</b>				
Executive	\$365,115	\$427,265	\$430,436	17.89%
Legal	\$445,000	\$350,491	\$448,000	0.67%
City Clerk	\$373,627	\$275,788	\$514,398	37.68%
Probate & Municipal Courts	\$161,323	\$104,317	\$165,569	2.63%
Personnel	\$359,329	\$357,511	\$360,370	0.29%
Legislative	\$332,035	\$332,047	\$380,386	14.56%
Board of Canvassers	\$316,246	\$292,362	\$294,646	-6.83%
Finance Administration	\$601,633	\$490,453	\$564,103	-6.24%
Treasury	\$410,384	\$393,769	\$410,834	0.11%
Debt - Principal	\$7,188,565	\$7,219,792	\$7,638,463	6.26%
Debt - Interest	\$1,421,297	\$1,421,297	\$1,470,167	3.44%
City Collector	\$614,208	\$469,013	\$584,679	-4.81%
City Assessor	\$725,509	\$549,483	\$889,913	22.66%
Mgmt Information Systems	\$1,784,994	\$1,757,934	\$2,680,923	50.19%
Purchasing	\$199,190	\$168,512	\$247,124	24.06%
Animal Shelter	\$223,981	\$188,227	\$226,132	0.96%
Police Department	\$21,257,042	\$21,072,474	\$21,587,937	1.56%
Fire & Rescue Department	\$24,859,915	\$26,851,185	\$25,162,874	1.22%
Building Inspection	\$923,055	\$715,028	\$956,405	3.61%
Parks & Recreation	\$2,423,875	\$2,114,542	\$793,119	-67.28%
Warwick Public Library	\$2,881,909	\$2,514,095	\$2,981,804	3.47%
Human Services	\$1,246,351	\$907,966	\$1,198,692	-3.82%
Community Development	\$303,032	\$150,243	\$319,504	5.44%
City Planning	\$1,024,636	\$1,136,625	\$1,887,176	84.18%
Tourism, Culture & Development	\$594,108	\$538,354	\$641,803	8.03%
Public Works	\$12,514,938	\$11,560,910	\$14,777,503	18.08%
Boards & Commissions	\$133,971	\$109,652	\$118,950	-11.21%
Employee Benefits	\$28,625,804	\$29,233,316	\$30,375,955	6.11%
Insurance	\$2,448,773	\$2,529,461	\$2,381,242	-2.76%
Council Claims	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	-33.33%
Postage	\$67,300	\$67,300	\$67,300	0.00%
Fixed Costs	\$987,336	\$599,640	\$595,560	-39.68%
Pensions	\$36,140,761	\$36,492,076	\$37,978,949	5.09%
School Department	\$171,538,668	\$171,538,668	\$173,917,681	1.39%
<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$323,508,909</b>	<b>\$322,939,795</b>	<b>\$333,058,597</b>	<b>2.95%</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Local Property Taxes	\$238,121,885	\$238,524,908	\$234,919,960	-1.34%
State Aid	\$52,205,208	\$45,345,442	\$59,755,565	14.46%
Federal Aid	\$2,981,666	\$11,271,568	\$2,058,093	-30.98%
American Rescue Plan	\$0	\$5,077,499	\$5,501,424	
Licenses and Fees	\$8,487,350	\$7,666,084	\$7,977,648	-6.01%
Other Revenue	\$15,820,045	\$12,870,436	\$13,963,873	-11.73%
Enterprise Fund Transfers	\$3,045,284	\$3,041,558	\$3,005,566	-1.30%
Fund Balance Drawdown	\$2,847,471		\$5,876,468	106.37%
<b>Total Revenues:</b>	<b>\$323,508,909</b>	<b>\$323,797,495</b>	<b>\$333,058,597</b>	<b>2.95%</b>

CERTIFICATION: THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE DATA CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT IS ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

Frank J Picozzi  
Mayor

5/5/2021